Helu Kanaloa

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This chant was written as a means to acknowledge and honor the many animal forms of Kanaloa. This chant is a simple helu chant written for the Aloha Kanaloa Cultural Festival to teach as a mass chant. The Kanaloa forms are listed by their hierarchy, with the palaoa being the highest ranking Kanaloa in the ocean. This chant is done as a mele oli and can be used to acknowledge and honor Kanaloanuiākea; the helu of Kanloa forms can be adjusted to acknowledge specific forms other than what are listed or to include additional forms as long as the hierarchy is maintained.

E Kanaloanuiākea	In honoring the many forms of Kanaloa
E ola 'o Kanaloa	May Kanaloa flourish
'O ke ko'a, he Kanaloa	The coral, indeed it is a form of Kanaloa
'O ka i'a, he Kanaloa	Fish, indeed are a form of Kanaloa
'O ka puhi, he Kanaloa	The eel, indeed it is a form of Kanaloa
'O ka he'e, he Kanaloa	The octopus, indeed it is a form of Kanaloa
'O ka honu, he Kanaloa	The sea turtle, indeed it is a form of Kanaloa
'O ka sila, he Kanaloa	The monk seal, indeed it is a form of Kanaloa
Ka hīhīmanu, he Kanaloa	The sting ray, indeed it is a form of Kanaloa
'O ka manō, he Kanaloa	The shark, indeed it is a form of Kanaloa
Ke koholā, he Kanaloa	The humpback whale, indeed it is a form of Kanaloa
Ka Palaoa, he Kanaloa	The sperm whale, indeed it is a form of Kanaloa
E ola 'o Kanaloa, Ola!	May Kanaloa flourish!